

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Listings of Claims:

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1. (Currently Amended) A method for conducting electronic transactions, the method comprising:
 - (a) establishing a first communication connection to a provider from a consumer computer;
 - (b) submitting to the provider a request for a transaction from said consumer computer;
 - (c) processing said transaction, and generating electronic certificate data;
 - (d) establishing a second communication connection from said provider to ~~said consumer's printer~~ a consumer printer;
 - (e) transmitting by said provider said electronic certificate data at least partially contained within an image file to said consumer's printer; and
 - (f) controlling [the] a printing of an electronic certificate by the provider to print the certificate on said consumer's printer.
 2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said transmitting [act] includes transmitting said electronic certificate data to said consumer's printer without involvement of said consumer.
 3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said transmitting [act] includes transmitting said electronic certificate data to said consumer's printer without involvement of [a] said consumer's computer.
 4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said submitting [act] includes:

(g) submitting consumer identification information for said consumer; and

(h) submitting printer identification information for said consumer's printer.

5. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein said processing includes:

(g) confirming said consumer identification information; and

(h) confirming said printer identification information.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said establishing communication connection includes:

(g) said provider confirming that said printer has sufficient supplies and is connected to the network; and

(h) said provider replenishing said printer with supplies.

7. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, further including
(g) providing an identification indicia for printing on said electronic certificate;

(h) transmitting said identification indicia data along with said image file to said consumer's printer; and

(i) printing said identification indicia on said electronic certificate

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further including

(j) confirming that said identification indicia was printed on said electronic certificate; and

(k) maintaining print confirmation information for said electronic certificate by said provider.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further including:

- (j) providing printing instructions for printing said electronic certificate;
- (k) transmitting said printing instructions along with said image file to said consumer's printer; and
- (l) printing said electronic certificate using said printing instructions.

10. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein said identification indicia is a bar code

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11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further including ~~wherein said printing includes:~~

(g) cutting around said printing of said electronic certificate an ~~original financial certificate.~~

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said printing includes:

(g) printing an original postage label and an associated pick up schedule label.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1 further including:

(g) requesting said consumer to make a payment for said electronic transaction; and

(h) confirming said payment.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein said [printing] confirming includes:

- (i) printing an original receipt for said payment.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A method for conducting electronic transactions, the method comprising:

- (a) requesting a transaction from a provider;
- (b) transmitting by said provider an authorized document data

at least partially contained within an image file to a consumer's printer that is under direct control of said provider in response to said transaction; and

- (c) printing said authorized document with said consumer's printer.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, wherein said transmitting [act] includes:

- (d) transmitting said authorized document data to said consumer's printer without involvement of said consumer.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, further including:

- (e) said provider directly confirming that said consumer's printer has sufficient supplies to print said authorized document and is connected to the network; and

- (f) said provider automatically replenishing said consumer's printer with supplies.

23. (Currently Amended) A system for issuing and printing authentic certificates for a consumer computer, comprising:

(a) a provider information processing system that receives request for an authentic certificate from said consumer computer and generates said authentic certificate, said processing system providing printing instructions for printing said authentic certification;

(b) a network connecting said processing system to a plurality of user's; and

(c) a consumer printer connected to a point on said network in communication with said provider information processing system, such that said consumer's printer receives authentic certificate data contained within an image file and printing instructions from said provider information processing system and prints the authentic certificate according to said printing instructions, at least one of the authentic certificate data and printing instructions at least partially contained within an image file.

24. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 23, wherein said consumer's printer can use two or more communication connections directly with the provider communication connection is via the Internet.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 23, wherein said provider information processing system further includes [means for]:

(c) directly confirming that said consumer's printer has sufficient supplies to print said authentic certificate and is connected to the network; and

(d) replenishing said consumer's printer with supplies.

28. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 23, wherein said consumer's printer further includes [means for] sending print confirmation information to said provider.

29. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 23, wherein said consumer's printer has cutting capability and is capable of printing authentic certificates of different dimensions.

30. (Currently Amended) A printing device associated with a consumer, comprising:

(a) means for receiving printing data contained within an image and printing instructions from a remote provider; and

(b) means for printing said printing data according to said printing instructions under said remote provider's direct control without involvement of said consumer, wherein when an image file that contains at least a portion of said printing data is present transaction, and the image file is printed by the means for printing.

31. (Original) The printing device of claim 30, further including:

(c) means for acknowledging receipt of said printing data directly to said remote provider.

32. (Currently Amended) The printing device of claim 30, further including:

(d) means for canceling a printed image material; and

(e) means for sending information about cancellation of said printed image material to said remote provider.

33. (Cancelled)

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Currently Amended) The printing device of claim 30, wherein said means for printing said printing data further includes:

(f) means for printing an authentic label for a CD ROM and
[printed]
printing the authentic label on the CD ROM.

36. (Currently Amended) The printing device of claim 32, wherein said means for canceling includes:

(f) means for defacing said printed material;
(g) means for scanning an image of said printed material in
defaced form; and
(h) means for sending an image of said printed material in
defaced form to said remote provider.

37. (Currently Amended) The printing device of claim [32] 36, wherein said means for canceling include:

(i) means for reading identification code by a magnetic bar code
reader; and
(ii) means for sending identification information read from said
printed
material to said remote provider.

38. (Original) The printing device of claim 30, wherein said means for printing includes means for printing original financial certificates.

39. (Cancelled)

40. (Cancelled)

41. (Currently Amended) The printing device of claim 30, wherein said means for printing includes means for printing original payment receipts.

42. (Cancelled)

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46. (Currently Amended) The [A] method of claim 1 ~~for printing original documents at a user location, the method comprising wherein said controlling the printing of an electronic certificate includes a printer driver residing in the provider's computer system [that communicates] communicating with a printer driver residing in the consumer's printer, and said controlling the printer of an electronic certificate being independent of a printer driver on the consumer computer.~~

~~(a) establishing communication from a first processor associated with an authorizer of the printing of the original document to a user printer at the user location, the communication including transfer of an image file containing at least a portion of the original document;~~

~~(b) printing the original document with the user printer; and~~

~~(c) controlling (b) independent of a printer driver on a computer at the user location.~~

47. (Cancelled)

48. (Cancelled)

49. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 46 wherein said [communication] communicating is via the Internet.

50. (Currently Amended) The [A] method of claim 46 wherein said provider's computer system is geographically remote from the consumer's printer. ~~for printing original documents at a user location, the method comprising:~~

~~(a) printing an original document at least partially contained within an image file with a printer responsive to a printer resident driver; and~~

~~(b) authorizing (a) with a driver resident on a processor geographically remote from the printer.~~

51. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 50 wherein said consumer's printer is one of a plurality of printers.

52. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 50 wherein said [processor] provider's computer system is one of a plurality of [processors] computer systems.

53. (Cancelled)

54. (Currently Amended) A method for printing original documents at a user location, the method comprising:

(a) transmitting by said provider first data for a first original document to a printer via a computer network;

(b) printing the first original document responsive to the first data with a printer;

(c) transmitting by said provider second data for a second original document to the printer via the computer network, the second original document being a different type of document than the first original document, at

least one of the first and second original document at least partially contained within an image file; and

(d) printing the second original document responsive to the second data with the printer.

55. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 54, wherein said transmitting [acts] include transmitting said first and second electronic certificate data to said printer without involvement of said user.

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56. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 54, wherein said transmitting [acts] include transmitting said first and second electronic certificate data to said printer without involvement of a user's computer.

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57. (Original) The method of claim 54, wherein said printing includes:
(e) printing an original financial certificate.

58. (Cancelled) The method of claim 54, wherein said printing includes:
(e) printing an original ticket.

59. (Cancelled) The method of claim 54, wherein said printing includes:
(e) producing an original stamp.

60. (Original) The method of claim 54, wherein said printing includes:
(e) printing an original postage label and an associated pick up schedule label.

61. (Cancelled)

62. (Original) The method of claim 54 further including:

(e) requesting said user to make a payment for said electronic transaction; and

(f) confirming said payment.

63. (Original) The method of claim 62, wherein said printing includes:

(g) printing an original receipt for said payment.

64. (Cancelled)

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67. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [66] 54 , wherein said transmitting include transmitting said first and second electronic certificate data to an intermediary party is an intermediary printer maintenance organization; and said intermediary printer maintenance organization regularly check the consumer printer supplies.